

HELLO, SANTA CLAUS!
BY OCTAVE THANET.

A very little boy stood on a chair and tried to reach the telephone. His yellow ears hung over his broad collar. His blue velvet suit caught the sunlight in a dozen rich tints of shade. His eyes were sapphire blue and his skin exquisitely fair. Yet there was nothing delicate about his looks; he was simply a radiant, healthy, happy, Sioux boy.

The other little boy, who leaned against his chair, was pale and dark with a curly, wavy little wig of black hair and sparkling black eyes. He was as handsome as a dozen rich tints of shade. His eyes were sapphire blue and his skin exquisitely fair. Yet there was nothing delicate about his looks; he was simply a radiant, healthy, happy, Sioux boy.

"Hello, Santa Claus!" called the little boy on the chair.

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No Bertie had often telephoned Santa Claus before, but never had Santa Claus said anything back. It almost knocked the little boy off the chair with delight.

"Santa Claus," he cried, very fast (for Santa Claus might go away before he could finish), "will you, please, give a 'big' paint box Christmas? I can't get it out of the box and swallowed some of the paints and the rest of the box got lost—I didn't lose it, it lost itself!"

"Of course," said Santa Claus.

"Yes, sir. And please won't you bring Byron a sled and some candy and a box?" His wagon like my boy's, and so on. "He's been a very good boy." Bertie hopped up his stockings last Christmas, but he didn't get another. "I guess he'll be left the others."

"Oh, I see the back of a sleigh," apologized Bertie. Then changing the subject abruptly, "What do you think, Bertie? Santa Claus came back?"

"Shaw," said Bertie, "why didn't you catch Santa Claus? You ought to have run out quick & lightning and seen the sled?"

"I did see the back of a sleigh," apologized Bertie, "but my uncle, you see he come along just the other day."

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"Catch me talking to uncles when I could see Santa Claus!"

"But I never saw my uncle before neither," pleaded Bertie. Then changing the subject abruptly, "What do you think, Bertie? Santa Claus came back?"

"Guess he forgot and left the others."

"I guess he did. I'm deeply excited," for last two pairs of shoes and one was out on the plaza with a whole box of oranges and marzipan "From Santa Claus!"

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at 'em! Look at 'em! Thank you, Santa Claus! Why, mamma!"
"Byron! Byron!" cried mamma—but she wasn't looking at Byron at all, staring down the street at a man who had turned round under the street lamp. "Byron," she sobbed, "after all these years! We know we wronged you poor boy, but we're sorry now."

And with a sigh the man did come back and kissed mamma.

Next day, Byron was trying to describe the glories of the evening to Bertie.

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"No," humbly, "but I know he did, 'cause I found another sled and another red wagon and a drum and candy on the porch; guess he forgot he left the others."

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